

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/28/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-18.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |


JEFFREY SIEW
 SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER
 5/1/2005

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kathleen Tyrrell on 5/5/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for detecting the presence of lung cancer in a patient comprising:

(a) measuring levels of a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 5 or 6 in a sample of cells, tissue or bodily fluid obtained from the patient; and

(b) comparing the measured levels of the polynucleotide in the patient with levels of the polynucleotide in a sample of cells, tissue or bodily fluid obtained from a normal control, wherein an increase in levels of the polynucleotide in the patient as compared to levels of the polynucleotide in the normal control is associated with the presence of lung cancer.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method of claim 9 wherein the polynucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of claim 9 wherein the polynucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:4.

Claim 12 (previously presented); The method of claim 9 wherein the polynucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:5.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of claim 9 wherein the polynucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:6

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method of claim 9 wherein the sample is cells.

Claim 15 (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the sample is a tissue.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method of claim 9 wherein the sample is a bodily fluid.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of claim 16 wherein the bodily fluid sample is selected from the group comprising blood, urine, saliva and bodily secretions.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of claim 17 wherein the blood sample is selected from the group comprising whole blood, plasma and serum.

All rejections and or objections are withdrawn in view of the applicant's amendments and arguments thereto as set forth in a paper filed 2/28/2005.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher H. Yaen whose telephone number is 571-272-0838. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Siew can be reached on 571-272-0787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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